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Vienna, *April* 24. N. S.

THeir Imperial Majesties intend to go the next week to *Laxemberg*, to pass some time there; 'Tis believed the Emperor before his departure will declare the General Officers to command his Army against the *Turks*. The Troops in the mean time are putting themselves in a readiness to take the Field; and a great Train of Artillery will be sent from hence by Water for the use of the Imperial Army; which is to have its Rendevous near *Buda*. The *Turks* make great Preparations for the Campaign, and the Sultan is expected at *Belgrade* towards the end of the next month; The last advices from the Frontiers say, the Enemy had sent another Convoy to *Temiswaer*, conducted by 1000 Horse and 1400 Janizaries; and that they work very diligently to repair the Fortifications of that Place, and to make all other necessary Provision for its Defence, as if they apprehended a Siege this Summer. The Bishop of *Passau*, the Emperor's Ambassador to *Poland*, will begin his Journey thither in few days, and will hasten it, seeing the Election is to be the 15th of the next month.

Francfort, *May* 1. The Forces of the Allies assemble near *Hailbron*; whither the Imperial and *Brandenburgh* Troops, which return'd the last year from *Italy*, march likewise. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* was by our last Letters at *Guntsburg*; he has writ to the several Circles to hasten the march of their Troops to the place appointed for their Rendezvous, where he intends to be himself in few days; The States of *Suabia*, who met lately at *Ausburgh*, have agreed to furnish their *Quota* of Troops to the Army of the Empire, and made choice of the General Officers who are to command them under Prince *Lewis*. The Enemies Troops draw together near *Landaw*, where several Regiments are already encamped; and they say their Army will be formed by the middle of this month.

Cologne, *May* 3. The *Brandenburg* Forces, who winter'd in this Diocess, will pass the *Rhine* to morrow at *Keyserwaert* and *Orsoy*, and thence continue their march to *Brabant*, where they are to serve this Summer. The Troops of the Elector *Palatine*, which are to joyn the Confederate Army on the *Rhine*, are order'd to begin their March thither.

Hamburgh, *May* 3. The Letters from *Warsaw* of the 25th of the last Month say, the Confederate Forces persisted in their Resolution to continue together till the Election is over, being underhand supported by some of the great Men, who think they may be of great use to them, in carrying on their Designs at that time: But the Generality of the Nobility are much scandalized hereat, and are all preparing to mount on Horseback, to defend their Priviledges, and the Freedom of the Election. The *French* Ambassador continues to distribute Mony among the Friends of the Prince of *Conti*; and those that appear for Prince *James* do at the same time all they can to promote his Interests; though after all 'tis probable the Choice may fall upon a third Person.

Paris, *May* 3. The Mareschal *de Villeroy* intends to depart from hence to morrow for *Flanders*; the Mareschal *de Bouffiers*, who is already there, assembles the Troops that are to act under his Orders, and 'tis now said that Mareschal *Catinat* is to command a third Army in those Parts, and that the *French* Troops which have winter'd in *Lorraine* and *Burgundy*, instead of marching towards the *Moselle*, as was reported, are order'd towards *Brabant*. The Mareschal *de Choiseul* is likewise on his departure for *Germany*, and the Duke *de Vendosme* for *Catalonia*: We are told, the Forces to be commanded by the latter will be at their Rendezvous by the 15th of this Month. The Mareschals *d'Estrees*, *Joyeuse* and *Tourville* intend to go hence in few days, to command the Forces for the Guard of our Coasts. The Marquis *de Nesmond* is sailed from *Brest* with seven Men of War, and these are to be followed by three more; the Ships fitted at *Rochefort* under Mounsieur *Magnan*, were by the last Letters in a readiness to put to Sea; They talk of fitting out more Ships at *Brest* and *Rochefort*. The *Sieur de Genes*, who is return'd to *Rochelle* from the *West-Indies*, has made a very bad Voyage, having been two Years abroad, lost a great many men, and not taken one Prize. The *French* Galleys are fitting at *Marseilles*, and will be sent to the Coast of *Catalonia*.

Brussels, *May* 5. The Elector of *Bavaria*'s Army is still at *Drynse* strongly intrench'd; and his Electoral Highness, who is recovered of the Indisposition he was seiz'd with the last week, and is at present at *Ghent*, will return thither in two or three days. The Forces under the Orders of Prince *Vaudemont*, who lie now in seperate Camps are commanded to joyn together, and to march to a place call'd *Bois Seigneur Isaac*; The Horse, who have hitherto continued in Quarters, begin to march to their several Camps; and yesterday two Regiments of Horse went hence to *Flanders*. The *French* are drawing their Forces together on the Frontiers, and give out, that they are to have three Armies in *Flanders* and *Brabant*, commanded by the Mareschals *de Villeroy*, *Bouffiers*, and *Catinat*. The Mareschal *de Villeroy* is expected at *Valenciennes* in a day or two, and Mareschal *Catinat* on the *Meuse*. Mareschal *Bouffiers* is gone to meet the former. Monsieur *Vauban* the Ingenier has been to visit the *French* Frontier Places.

Hague, *May* 7. N. S. The King arrived on the Coast this morning, landed about Noon at a Place called *Oranien Polder*, and came hither late at night, His Majesty being received at the several Places he passed through with all possible Demonstrations of Joy and Affection. The Difficulties that remained concerning the Preliminaries being now removed, the Ministers of the Congress here have

proposed